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FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

I CONCUR IN YOUR JUDGMENT TO ACCEPT THE OVERTURE FROM A
MUTUAL FRIEND OF EX-PRESIDENT FREI TO ARRANGE A DISCREET
MEETING WITH THE LATTER SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OF COURSE, THERE MAY BE SOME GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITY TO
YOUR SEEING FREI. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE
INITIATIVE CAME FROM THE PDC SIDE AND IN LIGHT OF FREI'S
INTERNATIONAL STATURE AS A RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL LEADER
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AND STATESMAN, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE SUCH

ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH US. AS YOUPOINT OUT,
THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
EXCEPT LISTEN. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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